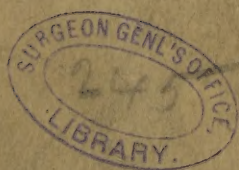


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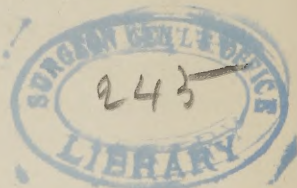
OF THE

MINERAL WATER

FROM THE

Plantagenet Spring, Canada,

WITH



CERTIFICATES TESTIFYING TO ITS SUPERIOR QUALITIES AS  
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## INTRODUCTION.

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AMONG the many remedies which Men of Science, Learning, and Experience have recommended to the Suffering Patient, to relieve, invigorate, and cure, perhaps none have ever been tried or recommended with equal security, efficiency or success as MINERAL WATER.

Among those Waters now in use, none are so much in demand as the **PLANTAGENET WATER**, wherever it is known. It is at once a refreshing drink to the robust and healthy, a cooling draught to the feverish patient, and it has been used as an Effectual Cure for many Diseases which arise from the impure state of the blood and otherwise.

The increasing demand for this *Water* in Montreal and other cities in Canada, has induced the proprietor to make arrangements for its introduction into this *City*; and in doing so he feels confident that, when the qualities of the water are once known, it will obtain for itself an extensive circulation and be more highly appreciated.

## PLANTAGENET MINERAL SPRING.

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THIS Spring, which is now becoming so well known for its Medicinal and valuable qualities, is situated on the River Nation, one of the tributaries of the Ottawa, on the South side, in the Township of PLANTAGENET, about 30 miles below Bytown.

The waters of this Spring were long known to the inhabitants of the surrounding country, but it was not until they fell into the hands of the late Charles LaRocque, in the year 1849, and after the publication of Mr. Hunt's Analysis, that public attention became drawn to it; since which time its sale in Canada has gradually increased, and it is now sought for in preference to any Mineral Water known.

From the recommendations given by *Medical Gentlemen*, and the numerous certificates received from persons in every class of society—a few of which are herewith published—of the benefits derived and to be derived from the use of the PLANTAGENET WATER, the Proprietor has every confidence in saying that they are not surpassed by any of the numberless Medicines tried by the public: in fact, one of the most eminent physicians of Canada (Dr. Nelson), says, in his Certificate, March 22, 1850—"It would be a most happy circumstance if 'Mineral Waters,' generally, were to supersede, and be substituted for, the thousands of vile and pernicious compounds, under the style of Patent Medicines, with which a certain class of the community gorge themselves, to their manifest injury, and to the advantage, solely, of the unscrupulous manufacturers."

The Water can be taken in quantities varying from One Glass to Two or Three Quarts, with perfect safety ; and, from the Certificates contained in this Pamphlet, it will appear evident that they have cured a number of long-standing complaints, which had baffled the skill of the most experienced Physicians, until, with their advice, this Water was resorted to, and effected, under judicious management, most wonderful cures.

In calling public attention to the superiority of the *Plantagenet Water*, the proprietor does so under the assurance that its introduction and use will be a source of benefit to the community generally, and more particularly to invalids, and submits for consideration the following certificates, all of which have been from time to time published in the newspapers in Canada, and amongst which are those of a large number of the most eminent Physicians, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, the Mayors of the cities of Montreal and Quebec, the Hon. L. J. Papineau, and an extract from the *British American Medical and Physical Journal*, edited by Arch'd Hall, M. D., L. R. C. S. E., the publication of which clearly shows that the profession of Montreal are willing to stake their reputation in recommending it, which it is well known, from their high standing, they would not do without knowing the facts they state.

It is the intention of the proprietor, as soon as his arrangements can be effected, to furnish the principal *hotels* in the city from time to time, with a supply of the *Water*, and, in conclusion, would respectfully invite those who desire a refreshing, cooling drink, or those whose constitutions require Mineral *Water*, to try the *pure water* of *Plantagenet*.

Notice will be given in the newspapers of the establishment of Depots and Agencies.



# ANALYSIS

## OF THE

### PLANTAGENET SALINE SPRING.

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THE MINERAL WATER of the PLANTAGENET SPRING is strongly Saline, and contains a considerable quantity of the Compounds of Bromine and Iodine, to which this class of Waters are conceived to owe a great part of their Medical virtue. It is, besides, characterized by the large amount of Magnesia which it contains, dissolved in the form of a Bicarbonate. I have submitted to a careful analysis a quantity of the Water placed in my hands by the Proprietor of the Spring, Mr. CHARLES LA ROCQUE, and have obtained the subjoined results:—

One pound avoirdupois weight—7,000 grains—contains of

	<i>Grains.</i>
Chlorid of Sodium, . . . . .	81.66200
Chlorid of Potassium, . . . . .	.72800
Chlorid of Calcium, . . . . .	.95480
Chlorid of Magnesium, . . . . .	1.71654
Bromid of Magnesium, . . . . .	.05635
Iodid of Magnesium, . . . . .	.03689
Carbonate of Lime, . . . . .	6.23301
Carbonate of Magnesie, . . . . .	6.23301
Carbonate of Iron, . . . . .	.06748
Silica, . . . . .	.49000
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Sum of Solid Ingredients, . . . . .	92.17607
Water, . . . . .	6,907.82393
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The specific gravity of the Water is 1006,377, pure Water being 1000. As I have not collected the Water at the Spring, I am unable to determine the amount of Carbonic Acid which it contains, but it appears to be considerable.

T. S. HUNT,

Chemist to the Geological Commission.

*Office of the Geological Survey,  
Montreal, 23rd March, 1849.*



# C E R T I F I C A T E S .

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For the past eleven years, I have labored under an impaired state of the digestive organs, from which I have found no relief, even by following the prescriptions given by the best physicians of Paris, of Beauvais, of Crepy, and of Gresy, on the Isere; but since I have made use of the *Plantagenet Waters*, I find myself much better. My health has sensibly improved, and I am quite inclined to believe that, by the means of these beneficial Waters, I can be radically cured.

MAURICE PROUX, PRIEST.

*Soulanges, 24th May, 1850.*

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My disease is a *Hypocondrie*, which has become chronic. I feel an oppression and obstruction in the articulations of the *Epytsyatie* up to the shoulders, where the contracting of the articulations is more especially felt. Since I drank of the *Plantagenet Mineral Waters*, it seems to me as though my shoulders had been cleared of fifty *Kilograms*. Before I made use of your Mineral Waters, I never expectorated, now I expectorate a large quantity of slimy matters. I think that for those who are troubled with vitiated humors, there is no better cathartic than the *Plantagenet Waters*, because they operate without debilitating or irritating the digestive organs. These

advantages are never found with Pharmacutick medicines, as experience as taught me; for after many false digestions, caused by a diet too sedentary, I have tried and used prerogatives of the Pharmacopœia, which have been the source of my severe illness.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my great consideration,

MAURICE PROUX, PRIEST.

*Parish of Soulanges,  
24th May, 1850.*

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I certify that for many years past I suffered horribly from rheumatic pains, in spite of all the best medical treatment I could obtain, and that having, for some time, made use of the *Plantagenet Mineral Water*, I am completely cured.

J. BTE. LACUYERBULT.

*Plantagenet, August 10, 1848.*

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I, the undersigned, do certify that I have been sick for the space of eight months, during which time I was in such a continual state of weakness, that I could not dress myself, and that having made use of the *Plantagenet Waters*, of which Mr. Charles Larocque is proprietor, I am perfectly cured.

MARGUERITE PILON.

*Plantagenet, Aug. 11, 1848.*

I, the undersigned, do certify that to my knowledge, many persons who have made use of the *Plantagenet Mineral Waters*, have derived a great benefit from them, especially in cases of rheumatism.

DOCT. M. R. L. LEDUC.

*River Delisle, August 14, 1848.*

I have been spitting blood for eight months past, and since eight days past I have been drinking *Plantagenet Mineral Water*. I am better, and my strength is double to what it was.

AUGUSTIN LAFLAMME.

*Montreal, Aug. 15, 1848.*

#### EXTRAORDINARY CURE.

I certify that my wife, since three years past, has suffered much from a very greivous disease, and tried many remedies without success; but, since she has been drinking the renowned *Plantagenet Waters*, she is quite well.

H. LAURIN.

*Montreal, Sept. 4, 1848.*

I certify that during the space of three or four years, I have suffered from an acute pain in my side, against which I tried different remedies without success. Since three or four weeks, I have been drinking the *Plantagenet Spring Water*, and am quite well.

DANIEL ALLEGAY.

*Montreal, Sept. 16, 1848.*

I feel great pleasure in introducing to the notice of the public the *Plantagenet Mineral Waters*, whose excellent qualities for re-

storing the system and giving it strength, are not surpassed by any in this Province. This I state from experience, having made use of all the other mineral waters in this country. Let those who are afflicted with head-ache, loss of appetite, etc., try these waters, and their success is certain.

H. J. LARKIN.

*Montreal, Sept. 9, 1848.*

I certify that I have used, during a short space of time, some of the *Plantagenet Mineral Waters*, and that I have been greatly benefited by them; and I believe them superior to all others of that kind.

JOHN McDONALD.

*Montreal, Sept., 1848.*

I am ready to declare upon oath, that having intensely suffered from the swelling of a leg and foot for more than thirty years past, I have been completely cured by a three months' use of the *Plantagenet Mineral Waters*. Therefore, I recommend all those similarly afflicted to drink this most valuable water.

M. JULIE GELINEAU.

*Rigaud, Sept. 15, 1848.*

This is to certify that the *Plantagenet Mineral Waters* have been used in my family and vicinity for many years past, as a healing drink for all diseases. Having myself, I believe, made use of all the other mineral waters known along the Ottawa, I have found the former to be far more beneficial than the latter. These waters have been used for rheumatism, dropsy, diabetes, dys-

pepsia and many other diseases, producing a very salutary effect. I believe them to be of infinite value.

WM. DOYLE, J. P.  
*Petite Nation, Sept. 23, 1848.*

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EXTRAORDINARY CURE.

I certify that since I had the cholera, I was infirm in my limbs and hearing. I was so until I made use of the *Plantagenet Waters*. I had spent above £300, before I heard of these waters, for medical aid. I was taken to one of my friends, near the springs, and lived with him for six weeks; during which time I washed myself with, and regularly drank of, this water. When I left the springs I was perfectly cured—heard well, and am still in good health.

P. S. T. CONKEY.  
*Brook, Nov. 1, 1848.*

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CHOLERA CURED BY THE PLANTAGENET WATERS.

I, the undersigned, wishing to give testimony in favor of the *Plantagenet Waters*, beg to state, that in the year 1832, I was with a number of men lumbering near those valuable and efficient springs, and that I was taken with the then prevailing disease (cholera), with a number of my men, who were also taken ill of the same disease. We used it, and we were perfectly cured, whilst those who were against it, died almost instantly of the prevailing disease. Moreover, we took down several barrels with us to Quebec, in case of a relapse.

I remain, sir, yours, &c.,

J. S. CAMERON.  
*St. Lawrence, Jan. 9, 1849.*

*Montreal, March 24, 1849.*

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above certificate of Mr. J. S. Cameron, relative to the *Plantagenet Mineral Waters*, as being an efficient cure in cases of cholera and other sickness, is strictly true, having witnessed its use in similar cases; and moreover, in the year 1832, the fact above stated having occurred to my knowledge, I take, therefore, the liberty of recommending the same.

A. DORVALL, M. D.,  
*City Councillor, Quebec.*

I do hereby certify, that for upwards of a year and a half, I have suffered severely from dyspepsia and costiveness, from the effect of which I became so attenuated that all hopes of my recovery were abandoned. After having used the various remedies usually prescribed in similar cases, without experiencing any relief, I had recourse to the *Plantagenet Spring Waters*, and since I have used them my health has been completely restored. As I attribute my recovery entirely to these waters, I consider it my duty most earnestly to recommend them to whomsoever may be afflicted with the above mentioned disorders.

J. BELLE, N. P.  
*Montreal, Jan. 16, 1849.*

I have advised a number of my patients to make use of the *Plantagenet Spring Waters*, from which they have invariably derived benefit, answering the action of the stomach, increasing the appetite, and acting gently, but effectually, upon the kidneys and bowels, and the latter espe-



cially. Invalids are becoming very fond of it.

WOLFRED NELSON, M. D.  
*Montreal, March 21, 1849.*

*Montreal, March 29, 1849.*

Mr. Charles Larocque having submitted to me an analysis of of the *Water of Plantagenet Springs*, made by T. S. Hunt, Esquire, and requested my opinion thereon, I have to state, that the proportion and combination of ingredients must admirably adapt them for use in gout, gravel, rheumatism, some forms of liver disease, dyspepsia and dropsy; and to all forms of scrofula, except consumption.

In regard to its use in cholera, of which he has some important and respectable certificates, it is to be remarked, that the saline treatment of cholera is rising into high favor in Europe, numerical investigations seeming to prove its superiority. Should such be the case, we have an excellent combination from the hand of Nature in the *Plantagenet Waters*.

S. C. SEWELL, M. D.,  
*Lecturer on Materia Medica in  
McGill College, &c., &c.*

Sir,—In compliance with your desire communicated to me for my opinion upon the use of the *Plantagenet Waters*, I do not hesitate to state that, according to their analysis by Mr. T. S. Hunt, Chemist of the Geological Commission, and by reason of their tonic, alterative, diuretic and purgative properties, which result from their constituent parts, they may be employed with advantage, according to the mode of application, in the treatment

of rheumatism, gout, dyspepsia, affections of the liver, scrofula, dropsies, and in many other diseases, when employed in a proper manner. Such medicaments, in my opinion, are by far more preferable to so many others which crowd in upon us from all quarters—the composition, and consequently the properties of which are unknown—and yet are unscrupulously recommended, without discernment, for the cure of all diseases.

The testimony given in favor of these waters for the cure of cholera, deserves attention. This medicine seems to be much in accordance with the one highly recommended, in 1832, by Dr. Stevens, and which was the most productive of satisfactory results.

Yours, &c.,  
J. G. BIBAUD, M. D.,  
*Prof. Anatomy, Medical College,  
Montreal.*  
*Montreal, March 31, 1849.*

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Having examined an analysis of the *Plantagenet Mineral Waters* given by T. S. Hunt, Esq., I feel justified in stating that from their composition they may be employed with advantage in cases of dyspepsia, rheumatism, nervous diseases, bilious fevers, dropsy, piles, constipation, scurvy, scrofula, &c.

I have recommended them to several of my patients for diarrhoea and dysentery, and they derived a great benefit from them. I doubt not but that they may be very useful for cholera, especially if taken as a preventive, by purging beforehand, and immediately after being attacked by the disease.

E. H. TRUDEL, M. D.



SIR :—I gladly accede to your wish in forwarding you my opinion upon the medicinal virtues of the *Plantagenet Waters*, and am happy to state that I have great confidence in their efficacy and happy influence in determining the issue of many hidden diseases, against which the most rational therapeutie was of no avail.

The different saline elements of the component parts of these waters are of such a nature as to authorise me in the recommendation of them, especially for rheumatisms, deep and constitutional affections of scrofula, white swellings, neuralgia, and more particularly the sciatica.

Persons whose stomachs are disorganized by a too great use of alcoholic drinks, will find this an excellent corrective, well adapted for restoring the tone to that organ and the general harmony of its functions.

Believe me, Sir, &c.,

J. L. LEPROHON, M. D.

*Montreal, March 31, 1849.*

The proprietor of the *Plantagenet Saline Springs*, Mr. Charles Larocque, has requested my opinion as to the efficacy of these waters. I have lately tested them in chronic cases of dyspepsia with decided benefit, and I have found them improve the appetite and act mildly as an aperient. From their composition, as demonstrated in the analysis made by T. S. Hunt, Esq., I should consider them capable of exercising a beneficial influence on the liver and kidneys.

H. MOUNT,

M. R. C. S. L.

*Montreal, April 5, 1849.*

The analysis of the *Plantagenet Spring Water* having been submitted to me, as performed by Mr. Hunt, Chemist to the Geological Survey, I consider the water to present a valuable combination and medicinal agent, admirably adapting them for use in several diseases. They should be found capable of subserving a laxative, antacid and alternative indication, and, with such objects in view, should prove valuable in scrofula, certain forms of rheumatism and gout, in urinary diseases in which an alkaline treatment would be serviceable, and in some skin diseases connected with, and dependent upon, peculiar derangements of the stomach. Under the latter circumstances, its antacid and alterative powers should prove of eminent service.

The quantity of iodine and bromine of magnesia, appears to me considerable, and should, therefore, entitle the water to a full consideration in those diseases in which those active agents are mainly displayed.

Having on several occasions employed the water in private practice, I can testify to its un-irritating action on the bowels.

A. HALL, M. D.,

Lecturer on Chemistry, McGill College.

*Montreal, April 10, 1849.*

Since I have seen Mr. Hunt's analysis of the *Plantagenet Mineral Waters*, I have regarded it as a valuable medicinal agent, and recommended it in many cases where I thought its saline and other useful constituents

would be of service to my patients.

ALEX. McCULLOUGH, M. D.,  
Lecturer on Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children,  
M'Gill College.

*Montreal, April 17, 1849.*

SIR :—Since I have heard and read about the *Plantagenet Waters* in the public papers, I have no difficulty in believing, for having descended the Ottawa River on a raft with a large number of men in the time of the typhus fever, I had taken along with us a number of barrels filled up with *Plantagenet Water*. I firmly believe that it is to their use that we have been indebted for the good health we have enjoyed during the way, for others, who had not the same advantage, were dreadfully ill treated by the typhus.

LEMAIRE.

*Quebec, April 18, 1849.*

It is only within the last few weeks, since the publication of Mr. Hunt's analysis, that my attention has been especially directed to the *Plantagenet Mineral Waters*. As yet I have only had an opportunity of testing its efficacy in a few cases of dyspeptic ailment, but I have no doubt, from the combination of valuable remedial principles which enter into its composition, that it will be found a most efficient remedy in many diseases of the stomach and bowels, especially those attended with an excess of acidity in these organs, in some of the most common forms of calculous disorders, in gout, rheumatism, and in most cases of debility re-

quiring a gently stimulating and restorative treatment.

GEO. W. CAMPBELL, M. D.,  
Lecturer on Surg., M'Gill College.  
*Montreal, April 14, 1849.*

From Mr. Hunt's analysis of the water of the *Plantagenet Springs*, it appears well adapted as a remedial agent for most of those chronic diseases and derangements in which the *saline ingredients of the blood* are rather deficient in quantity or deteriorated in quality, containing as it does the most important of *these*, combined by nature in a palatable form. And for the same reason it seems well adapted for counteracting the baneful effects of contagious or miasmatic poisons on the blood, and, consequently, is likely to prove useful during the prevalence of epidemic or contagious fevers, influenza, and *cholera*. To its remedial properties, in the last of these diseases, the testimony of experience has already been borne.

W. FRASER, M. D.,  
Lecturer on Forensic Medicine,  
M'Gill College.  
*Montreal, April 19, 1849.*

The analysis of the *Plantagenet Water*, as furnished by Mr. Hunt, recommends it to the members of the Medical Profession as a good remedial auxiliary in certain cases of derangement of the digestive and assimilating organs—in some cases of dyspepsia, gout, and rheumatism: in certain affections of the heart, liver, kidneys and skin, and in special forms of scrofula.

I have prescribed the water during the present month in the

Clinical Wards of the Montreal General Hospital, but am not prepared as yet to offer you any deductions as the results of my limited experience of its utility in the treatment of the diseases in which I have employed it.

I am, Sir,  
Yours, &c.,

FRANCIS BADGLEY, M.D.,  
Lecturer on Clinical Medicine,  
Montreal General Hospital.

*Montreal, April 20, 1849.*

From the analysis of the *Plantagenet Water*, made by Mr. Hunt, I have no doubt it will be found very useful in rheumatic, gouty, and dyspeptic diseases, but as I have not yet employed it in any case, I cannot speak from personal experience of its medicinal properties.

R. L. MACDONNELL, M. D.,  
Lecturer on the Institutes of Medicine, McGill College.

*Montreal, April 23, 1849.*

*Montreal, April 23, 1849.*

SIR:—Having noticed an advertisement in some public journals of this city, by which an analysis of the *Mineral Waters of the Plantagenet Springs* are given by Mr. Hunt, Chemist, at your request, I would beg to state that the alkaline, chloride and carbonate, carbonate iron, iodide and bromide, magnesia in them contained, render them highly commendable, especially in certain cases of dyspepsia, for removing constipation which proceeds from that affection. I believe they may be employed with advantage in certain diseases of

the stomach as well as in many chronic diseases of the skin.

I am, Sir,

Yours, &c.,

J. EMERY CODERRE, M. D.

*Montreal, April 29, 1849.*

An analysis of the *Plantagenet Mineral Waters* having been submitted to my consideration, I feel I can, with confidence, recommend them to the public as very useful, on account of their alterative properties in certain chronic diseases of the stomach, the liver and other abdominal viscera, rheumatism and gout. As an alternative, they may be used with advantage in cases of dropsy, especially when their diaphoretic and diuretic action is taken into consideration. Finally, they may be useful in cholera on account of their anti-acid and anti-emetic properties.

One advantage they possess over all other patented medicines, sold in such large quantities to the public, is, that they can scarcely be dangerous, whereas the others (containing, for the most part, substances whose action upon the animal economy is most powerful, such as bichloride of mercury and different preparations of antimony, lead, iodide and silver, and that in strong doses), might prove very dangerous in many cases.

L. F. TAVERNIER, M. D.

SIR:—The many certificates you have received from the most eminent Physicians in this country, preclude me from further eulogising upon your *Mineral Waters*. I will only add, that all those who have purchased them

from me and used them, agree in stating that they cannot but highly recommend them to all friends as productive of a very salutary effect.

I have the honor to be,  
Yours, &c.,

P. E. PICAULT, M. D.

*Montreal, April 30, 1849.*

From the analysis of the *Plantagenet Water*, exhibited by T. S. Hunt, Esq., I feel very favorably disposed to recommend its use in dyspeptic, gouty, and nephritic affections, and also in chronic rheumatism. As I have as yet made but few trials of its effects, I am unable to add any testimony from experience, further than that it is an efficacious and an agreeable laxative and diuretic, and I consider it well deserving of the patronage of the public.

J. CRAWFORD, M. D.,  
Lecturer on Clinical Medicine and  
Surgery, M'Gill College.

*Montreal, April 30, 1849.*

Since the analysis of the *Plantagenet Spring Water* has appeared before the public, I have recommended its use to many of my patients with considerable benefit.

It is well adapted for many of the diseases of the urinary organs, affections of the skin, constipation, whether arising from gastric or hepatic derangement, scrofulous affections, and some forms of dropsy.

As a means of assuaging the *intense thirst* of cholera, and of assisting in the cure of that disease added to other treatment, it

must form a highly valuable medicine.

GEO. D. GIBB, M. D.,  
Licenciate Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland.

*Montreal, May 30, 1849.*

*Quebec, Oct. 10, 1849.*

SIR:—At the request of Dr. Morin, my medical adviser, I was induced to take some of your really valuable Plantagenet Mineral Waters; and, for the benefit of my suffering fellow-creatures, and mankind in general, I cannot but bear my humble testimony to their beneficial effects. Having suffered, for some time back, from severe attacks of optical delusion, and derangement of the lower intestines, I was induced to try the Plantagenet Water, from the use of which I have derived incalculable benefit. If my testimony should appear to you likely to induce others to try the Water, you have my full consent to use it in such manner as may seem most advisable to yourself.

I subscribe myself, dear Sir,  
with gratitude, your obedient  
servant,

HENRY DYER.

*Montreal (Canada),  
Nov. 12, 1849.*

I, Augustin Norbert Morin, of the city of Montreal, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Canada, do hereby certify that I am acquainted with Mr. Larocque, proprietor of the Plantagenet Springs; that the Plantagenet Waters have been widely used in this city and district, and with marked advantage, as far as I can judge by universal report. I



have looked to the printed paper hereto annexed, the original certificates not having been shown to me. I have no doubt of its genuineness, from the well known position of the medical gentlemen and of others who have signed, and from the publicity which these certificates have had in the newspapers. The physicians whose names they bear are among the most respectable of the Faculty. Mr. Hunt, the Chemist, is also well known to me. He has been, I believe, an occasional correspondent of Silliman's Journal, and his character and capacity are well established.

A. N. MORIN.

*Bytown, 8th Oct., 1849.*

To Mr. Larocque.

Sir,—As you ask my opinion of your Plantagenet Water, I beg to say that I have known it to be a valuable mineral water for 15 years. Since it has been analyzed, its medical properties have been fairly tested; the saline and chalybeate qualities being so beautifully blended together, producing an increased action of the bowels, without the ordinary debility caused by other purgative waters, from the tonic qualities of the iron. I declare this water, by its analytical principles, superior to any other mineral water with which I am acquainted, and as more particularly suited for convalescents.

Yours, &c.,

JAMES GRANT,  
F. R. C. S. E.

*Montreal, 12th Feb., 1850.*

Sir,—It is now nearly 10 months since I commenced using

the Plantagenet Waters in my practice; and I have now to state, that the high expectations I then formed of them, from the publication of Hunt's Analysis, have been fully confirmed by my experience of their beneficial effects.

I have found them a most agreeable and efficacious antacid laxative, and their continued use seems to answer the purposes of a tonic, by improving the digestive powers, and increasing the appetite.

I remain, Sir,

Your obed't servant,

G. W. CAMPPELL, M. D.,  
Lecturer of Surgery, McGill College, Montreal.

*Dundee, March 12, 1850.*

My dear Friend,—Many thanks to you for the *Mineral Plantagenet Waters*, you were so kind as to send me; I have tried them in several cases of dyspepsia, &c., rheumatism, &c., &c., &c. I am happy to be able to state that I consider them a great natural boon, and that they should be recommended to our country inhabitants especially, as a good and *cheap* remedy.

I prescribed the use of them in two cases of constipation, proceeding from pregnancy, and with great success. The same result was obtained in two cases of whites.

I doubt not but that for Cholera, according to the analysis given of them by T. S. Hunt, Chemist, they may be very useful, especially if taken as a preventive, by purging beforehand.

L. H. MASSON, M. D.  
Mr. C. Larocque.

I do hereby certify, that for upwards of a year and a half I have suffered severely from dyspepsia and costiveness, from the effect of which I became so attenuated, that all hopes of my recovery were abandoned. After having used the various remedies usually prescribed in similar cases, without experiencing any relief, I had recourse to the *Plantagenet Spring Waters*; and since I have used them, my health has been completely restored. As I attribute my recovery entirely to these Waters, I consider it my duty most earnestly to recommend them to whomsoever may be afflicted with the above-mentioned disorders.

J. BELLE, N. P.

*Montreal, March 16, 1850.*

*Montreal, March 22, 1850.*

Since August, 1848, I have recommended the *Plantagenet Waters* in a variety of chronic complaints, and with good effect. It has proved very useful in dyspepsia, rheumatism, and scrofula. Weakly and nervous persons, and those in whom there was an increased action of the bowels and kidneys, took but half a tumbler at a time, repeated every hour or two. When possessed of more strength, and there existed a tardy state of the secretions, the water was more copiously partaken of; and in cases of plethora, where a disposition to congestion predominates, with a tendency to fever and irritation, it was taken to the extent of several pints a day.

It would be a most happy circumstance if "Mineral Waters," generally, were to supersede, and be substituted for, the thousands

of vile and pernicious compounds, under the style of Patent Medicines, with which a certain class of the community gorge themselves, to their manifest injury, and to the advantage, solely, of the unscrupulous manufacturers.

WOLFRED NELSON, M. D.,  
*President College Physicians and Surgeons, C. E.*

*Montreal, March 23, 1850.*

My Dear Sir,—I have pleasure in complying with your request, that I should inform you of my opinion in regard to the medical value of the *Plantagenet Spring Water*.

It is now about twelve months since I became familiar with its employment in practice, and my observation of its effects fully confirms the accuracy of the opinion which I expressed to you in April, 1849, and which I based at the time upon its chemical composition, as revealed by the analysis of Mr. Hunt.

I have used the water rather freely, and have never been disappointed in my expected result. It has gently operated on the bowels, freely relieving them, and this more or less actively, in accordance with the quantity used. It is emphatically an antacid laxative of value, and will be found serviceable in all cases, especially requiring that indication to be fulfilled.

My experience of it in cutaneous affections is more limited; too limited, indeed, to permit me to offer any positive opinion of curative efficacy. I do not doubt, from the presence of Iodine and Bromine in the water, associated with Magnesia, that it will prove serviceable in these cases also.

It would require a more extended observation than that of a few months to confirm this opinion.

As an ordinary laxative in pregnancy, I know of none safer, more palatable, or more generally acceptable to patients.

I remain,

Yours, very truly,

A. HALL, M. D.,

Lecturer on Materia Medica,  
M'Gill College.

My Dear Sir,—It affords me pleasure, in yielding with your request, to inform you of my opinion with regard to the Medical virtues of the Plantagenet Spring Water. It is now nearly twelve months since I recommended its use to some of my patients, and its effects in certain affections of the Liver, Kidneys, and Dyspeptic diseases, in the latter complaint particularly, I have found it to act with most beneficial results. Its Laxative, Antacid, and Alleviative powers have proved of eminent service. Its unirritating action on the bowels entitles it to a preference to any other requiring that indication to be performed. From the analysis, made by Mr. Hunt, Chemist, and by its curative efficacy, so well tested in Canada, it cannot fail to recommend itself.

HENRY MOUNT,

M. R. C. S. L.

To Mr. C. Larocque.

*Montreal, 1st April, 1850.*

*Montreal, March 30, 1850.*

I have recommended the "Plantagenet Water" to a great number of my patients, and have found it to act as a gentle aperient—a small quantity producing that

effect in many constitutions—and this I consider a very great advantage.

R. L. MACDONNEL, M. D.,  
Lecturer on Clinical Medicine,  
M'Gill College.

I declare that I have terribly suffered a long time of the Rheumatism, and that since I drank some Plantagenet Water I am better.

LOUIS PLAMONDON,  
*St. Paul Street, Montreal.*

*Montreal, April 2d, 1850.*

The undersigned certifies that the constant use of the Plantagenet Water has been of signal service to me against frequent attacks of Rheumatism in the joints, to which I have been subject for several years.

E. M. LEPROHON.

*Montreal, April 8, 1850.*

Sir,—I am convinced that the Plantagenet Spring Water, as an antacid laxative and substitute for the tonics, is valuable indeed; and it is after its use, for eight months or more in my practice, that I can thus speak.

SAM'L B. SCHMIDT, M. D.  
To C. Larocque, Esq.

PLANTAGENET WATER.

*Montreal, April 10, 1850.*

Sir,—I have now prescribed the Plantagenet Waters for upwards of a year, and I am very happy in being able to state to you, that the opinion which I formed of their probable usefulness, based on Mr. Hunt's Analysis, at the time of my commenc-



ing to use them, has been fully and satisfactorily verified by subsequent experience. I now recommend them extensively, and I have frequent opportunities of hearing from my patients that their employment has been attended with all the beneficial results for which they were prescribed.

I am, Sir,

Your obd't servant,

FRANCIS BADGLEY, M. D.,  
Lecturer on Med. Juris., M'Gill  
College.

To Mr. C. Larocque.

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From the careful and scientific analysis, which was made by Mr. Hunt, of the Plantagenet Mineral Waters, the enlightened Physician could at once proclaim that it was in a great variety of diseases, acute and chronic, that he would prescribe their use, with the strongest reliance that he must thereby obtain the most favorable results. Experience soon confirmed the decision. Several of the Physicians of the highest standing and reputation in this city, and whose practice is therefore most extensive, because most successful, have published certificates testifying to the great efficacy of this invaluable medicine, which they have most frequently administered to their patients. Their authority is the one that ought to carry the greatest weight with sick persons, and persuade them. Though I am a stranger to their learned profession, and have been blessed with such uninterrupted health that I have not needed calling them to my aid, nor to make use of any remedy for several years, yet I attest, on my personal knowledge and ob-

servation, that many persons in my family, as well as in a large circle of friends, relations, and acquaintances, have used these Waters, either under direction of their Physicians or of their own accord, and that, in an infinite number of cases, they drew therefrom their cure often, relief always, inconvenience never.

At the desire of the proprietor, with true satisfaction do I give him the present certificate, happy if it can become a proximate cause of usefulness to any sick one whom it had helped to induce to resort to a remedy which, more often than almost any other, shall prove successful.

L. J. PAPINEAU.

*Montreal, April 19, 1850.*

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*M'Gill College, April 29, 1850.*

SIR:—Several members of my family have been in the habit of using the Plantagenet Water, as directed by the Physicians attending them, and always with the beneficial results anticipated.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obd't servant,

JO. ABBOTT, M. A.,

Secretary, Registrar.

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*Montreal, 1st May, 1850.*

I often recommend the use of the Plantagenet Mineral Waters to my patients, and they usually inform me that its action on the bowels has been satisfactory, and that in many cases it has also had a favorable influence on the general health.

M. McCULLOCH,

Lecturer on Midwifery, and the Diseases of Women and Children, University of M'Gill College.



SIR:—Having recommended to my patients in the Hotel Dieu Hospital of this city, the use of the Plantagenet Waters, I consider them to be very efficacious in allaying the great heat and thirst attending Fever; also in cases where there is Acidity of the Stomach, in Rheumatism, Dropsy, certain Affections of the Kidney and Skin, and in cases of Costiveness. In all cases, Medical advice should be taken.

P. MUNRO, M. D.,

Attending Physician of the Hotel Dieu Hospital, and Lecturer on Surgery in the School of Medicine.

Montreal, May 2d, 1850.

#### PLANTAGENET WATER!

Extract from the May number of the *British American Medical and Physical Journal*, edited by A. Hall, M. D.:—

“Remedial nostra, or matters professing to be such, and depending for their employment upon the extensiveness of the circulation of laudatory advertisements, and the amount of money consequently paid by the proprietors for these, have at no time, since we undertook the management of a Journal intended solely for the advancement of medical science, found favor in our eyes. Nor shall they. We have always adhered to the old maxim: “Ne sutor ultra crepidam.” We have always thought, and more, are fully convinced of the truthfulness and correctness of our opinion, that all the world was never intended to practise the medical art, inasmuch as all men—aye, and all women too—are unable to make themselves masters of

the science of medicine; and it must be admitted, without a cavil, that without a foundation there can be no superstructure. Not that we would dare to question the qualifications of all to become, perhaps, even scientific practitioners of the Healing Art—far from it; but seeing that different gifts have been assigned to different individuals, from the foundation of our world, and that one class is necessarily dependent upon another for its comfort and support—the rich and poor, the educated and illiterate, the professor of science and the simple mechanic—so we hold, that the public should be directed, under God, to the maintenance and preservation of health, by men who have given, and continue to give the best energies of their mind to this particular study. It is under impressions of this kind that we direct the attention of our professional brethren to the advertisement of Mr. Larocque, on the cover. We have, in common with our medical friends in this city, taken occasion, from time to time, to prescribe, in fitting cases, the Plantagenet Water, derived from a spring on that gentleman's property, in the Ottawa District. Commendatory certificates from medical men, perfectly well known to us, have been published in the daily newspapers of this city; our own has appeared among the number. But we now hesitate not to recommend the employment of this water to the special attention of the profession, both here and in the United States. Mr. Hunt's Analysis, as to its constituents, furnishes at once the key of its applicability and usefulness. We are informed that the proprietor has made ar-

rangements for supplying, during the forthcoming season, the Plantagenet Water throughout our own province and the United States, by the establishment of necessary depots and the appointment of proper agents."

*Montreal, June 7th, 1850.*

I, the Mayor of the City of Montreal, in Canada, certify and attest, as being within my own knowledge, the facts hereafter mentioned:—

1. The physicians who have given certificates, setting forth the virtues of the Plantagenet Waters, are well known to me as enjoying a large practice, and occupying a distinguished rank among the members of the Profession.

2. On my own behalf, I may say that I have used the Plantagenet Water, and know by experience its beneficial effects during the intense summer heats. I have often preferred this natural fluid to the Soda Waters and refreshing Syrups commonly used in hot climates.

I think myself fortunate in being able to add my disinterested testimony to that of the physicians of this city, and confidently recommend to the public the use of the Plantagenet Mineral Waters. In doing so, I believe that I fulfill a duty imposed on all good citizens, that of assisting in the maintenance of the public health.

E. R. FABRE,  
Mayor.

*April 9, 1850.*

My Dear Sir,—In compliance with your request that I should inform you of my opinion of the Plantagenet Waters; from the

Analysis of Mr. Hunt, I was induced to use the Waters in my practice, and have found them of eminent service in cases of Dyspepsia and Rheumatism. They are a very agreeable antacid aperient, only requiring to be more generally used for their medical virtues to be fully appreciated.

I am, my dear Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. P. SMITH.

*Montreal, April 6, 1850.*

*Montreal, July 6, 1850.*

During the past eighteen months I have had ample experience of the Plantagenet Mineral Waters, which has confirmed the favorable impression their analysis leads me to entertain of them, as a safe, cooling and alterative beverage during the heat of summer. I have also found them useful auxiliaries in the treatment of some derangements and diseases.

W. FRASER, M. D.,  
Lecturer on the Institutes of Medicine, McGill College.

#### THE MAYOR'S CERTIFICATE.

In accordance with the opinion expressed by the most distinguished Medical Practitioners of Montreal, Quebec, and other portions of the Province, and from my own experience of its salutary effects, I cheerfully afford my testimony to the excellent qualities and properties of the Plantagenet Water. For a summer beverage it is universally recommended by physicians as a healthful and pleasant aperient; and its valuable medicinal properties have been tested by a most faithful and accurate analyzation.

CHAS. WILSON, Mayor.

*Boston, 6th June, 1852.*

TO THE PROPRIETOR OF THE PLANTAGENET  
SPRINGS, MONTREAL.

SIR:—Having recently passed through your city on my way hither from Western Canada, I had occasion to remain there a few days, and, previous to my leaving for this place, purchased a few gallons of your Mineral Waters, of which I had heard so much spoken, and, after its usage by myself and family, confess it to be an invaluable preventive against and cure of all diseases, particularly when caused by summer heat, as it is extremely refreshing as a beverage, and keeps the blood pure and clean.

My wife, who had, for a couple of years past, been complaining of the rheumatism, and having adopted all other cures, found no relief until after the use of the Plantagenet, although small in quantities, proved wholly beneficial, and when I am in your city, which will be shortly, I will bring with me a fuller supply than the last, and hope that by its continual use, my wife will be recovered to her former state of health, and if this can be of any service in the way of publication, you can do so, and that with pleasure, trusting that others will follow my example and *try it*.

Your very obedient and  
thankful servant,

JOSHUA BENEDICT,

Boston.

After some years, experience in the use of the "Plantagenet Mineral Water," I am enabled to certify as to its efficacy in the derangements of the stomach and bowels, requiring a gentle laxative and antacid for their relief.

I can recommend it also, as exceedingly useful to persons of a constipated habit of body, and as one of the very best of beverages during our hot summer weather, and preferable to *soda* or any *artificial* water.

I have employed it extensively both in private and hospital practice, and my position as physician to the St. Patrick's Hospital, of this city, has given me an opportunity of testing its qualities to the utmost, and I have no hesitation in recommending it for general use.

A. H. DAVID, M. D.,

Lecturer on Medicine, St. Lawrence School of Medicine, and Member of Provincial Board of Examiners.

I believe I was one of the first practitioners of this city who recommended the use of the Plantagenet Spring Water, and since that time I have prescribed it to a very large number of my patients with invariable advantage.

Two members of my family, of feeble and delicate constitutions, have derived marked benefit from the use of the water. One had nearly lost all power in the right arm, the result of a severe and protracted attack of rheumatism; the other was excessively debilitated from derangement of the digestive and alimentary organs.

The administration of the Water is attended with the happiest result in constipation, arising from sedentary habits, and in aged persons.

In heartburn, morning sickness, and the other complaints to which women are subject under certain circumstances, it acts most agree-



ably and effectually, but in these derangements, as well as where there is over-action of the kidneys and bowels, it should be taken in smaller quantities at a time, but more frequently.

From an extensive experience, I am well satisfied with the operation of the Water; to weak persons it is quite palatable, and I deem it preferable to any other of the Mineral Waters I am acquainted with. I look upon many of the Mineral Waters as a great boon conferred by Providence on mankind.

W. NELSON, M. D.,

V. R. Col. Phy. and Sur. Canada  
East.

Many months' experience in the use of the Plantagenet Waters in my practice has fully convinced me of their value as a remedial agent, and I have not had reason on any single occasion to regret their use. I find that they seldom disagree with the stomach, and always act as a gentle aperient and alterative, and, from their composition, they possess, in addition, decidedly tonic properties.

Certainly, too much has not been said in their favor, for they are, probably, the most valuable Waters on this Continent.

GEO. D. GIBB, M. D.,

Licentiate Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, Physician to the Montreal Dispensary.

*Montreal, 5th August, 1850.*

*Quebec, 14th Sept., 1852.*

DEAR SIR:—According to request, I give you the result of my

experience in the use of the far famed Plantagenet Water.

I have been in the habit of recommending this Mineral Water to my patients ever since it was first presented to the public, and I can safely say that I have, in many cases, met with the most satisfactory results from its use.

I have more particularly derived benefit from its employment in chronic skin diseases, in diseases depending on functional derangement of the stomach and bowels, of the liver, and of the kidneys. In many rheumatic affections it has proved highly serviceable; and as a mild, safe, and pleasant aperient it is invaluable.

I might cite a number of other affections in which it seems to exert a beneficial effect, but the opinions already before the public render this quite unnecessary.

A. JACKSON,

M. R. C. S. E.

The following, from Dr. Munroe, Chief Physician of the Hotel Dieu, adds one other to the overwhelming testimony borne to the virtues of the Plantagenet Water by all our leading physicians:—

To Mr. Larocque, proprietor of Plantagenet Water, Place d'Armes.

SIR:—I have hitherto refrained from giving you my opinion of the Plantagenet Water; but the time has now arrived when it is just, both to the public and yourself, that I should do so. I state then, frankly, that I have the highest opinion of the Plantagenet Water, which I consider superior, in fact, far beyond comparison with any other Mineral



Water with which I am acquainted, have used it extensively in my practice at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, and with the most remarkable success. As a gentle aperient its use is invaluable, and in numerous cases where other medicines could not be safely employed, I have found it most useful. I consider it a duty both to the profession and the public to state thus much in its favor, and I strongly recommend all the heads of families to keep a supply of the Water by them, being perfectly satisfied of its great utility.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

P. MUNROE, M. D.,

Chief Physician in the Hotel Dieu Hospital, and Lecturer of Surgery in the School of Medicine of Montreal.

*De Bleury Street, 6th Aug., 1851.*

*Quebec, 8th Sept., 1852.*

SIR:—It is with pleasure I add my testimony to the valuable medicinal virtues of your Plantagenet Water.

It is now two years since I recommended its use amongst my patients, and its effects in certain affections of the Liver, Kidneys, and Dyspeptic diseases, in the latter complaint particularly, I have found it to act with most beneficial results. From the combination of valuable remedial principles in its composition, it is a most effectual remedy in many diseases of the stomach and bowels, especially those attended with an excess of acidity in the organs—in gout, rheumatism and in most cases of debility requiring a gentle stimulating and restorative treatment.

P. D. MOFFAT,

M. R. C. S. L.

MR. A. MANN, Agent.

The object in procuring the subjoined Notarial *Acte*, certified as to the signature of Mr. Jobin, by His Excellency the Governor General, is to satisfy parties at a distance, and particularly in Europe, where the Proprietor is about to introduce the Plantagenet Water, that the facts alleged in the certificates of the various Medical men, whose names are herein mentioned, are incontestable. In the Province of Canada, such verification would be unnecessary. Every one here is acquainted with the extraordinary virtues of the Waters, and the Medical Gentlemen are on the spot to answer for their own testimony; but, in distant countries, where the Plantagenet Water is about to be introduced for the first time, such is not the case, and, therefore, it has been thought necessary to obtain this document, attested by the highest authority in British North America:—

PROVINCE OF CANADA, )

DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. )

Know all men by these presents:—Be it known, that on this day, the Fourteenth of the month of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, before me, JOSEPH HILARION JOBIN, a Notary Public, duly admitted and sworn in and for that part of the Province of Canada, heretofore constituting the Province of Lower Canada, residing at the City of Montreal, in the District of Montreal, in the said Province, personally came and appeared CHAS. LAROCQUE, Esquire, of the Township of Plantagenet, in that part of the said Province of Canada heretofore Upper Canada, Proprietor of the Plantagenet Spring Waters, per-

sonally known to me, who declared and attested that the Signatures Wolfred Nelson, M. D., S. C. Sewell, M. D., J. G. Bibaud, M. D., L. Boyer, M. D., A. Hall, M. D., M. McCulloch, M. D., E. H. Trudel, M. D., J. L. Leprohon, M. D., Geo. W. Campbell, M. D., J. W. C. Trestler, M. D., H. Peltier, M. D., W. Fraser, M. D., Francis Badgley, M. D., P. Beaubien, M. D., R. L. McDonnell, M. D., J. Emery Coderre, M. D., W. P. Smith, M. D., L. F. Tavernier, M. D., J. Crawford, M. D., P. E. Picault, M. D., D. Wright, M. D., A. H. David, M. D., R. P. Howard, M. D., Henry Mount, M. D., George D. Gibb, M. D., P. Munro, M. D., Sam'l B. Schmidt, M. D., all of the said City of Montreal, Doctors of Medicine, Physicians, and Surgeons, whose signatures are set and subscribed to the Certificates in his possession, attesting of the superior qualities of the Plantagenet Spring Waters, are and each signature is of the true hand-writing and signature of them; also the different testimonies in his possession of parties of the highest standing in their respective professional and social position, amongst which are to be found the Certificates and Signatures of the City Mayors of Montreal and Quebec, E. R. Fabre, Chas. Wilson, and N. F. Belleau. That the qualities of the Plantagenet Spring Waters are incontestible and unrivalled, as fully appear by the said Certificates and Testimonies. That the Gentlemen of the Medical Profession herein above named, are well known as being Members of the

highest standing. An Act whereof being requested, I have granted these presents to serve and avail as occasion shall or may require.

In faith and testimony whereof I have signed and affixed my seal of office on the day, month, and year first above written.

J. H. JOBIN, N. P.

By His Excellency, the Right Honorable JAMES, EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of Thistle, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

*To all to whom these Presents shall come—Greeting:*

These are to certify, that Joseph Hilarion Jobin, whose name is subscribed to the accompanying document, is a Notary Public, duly appointed in and for that part of the Province of Canada called Lower Canada, and that full faith and credence are due and ought to be given to such signature and act in all places.

Given under my hand and Office Seal at Quebec, this twentieth day of August, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, Her Majesty's Reign the sixteenth.

By Command,

ELGIN & KINCARDINE,

T. D. HARRINGTON,

Rec. of Fees.

